

CARRANZA REPORTS CONFLICT

One Dispatch Recounts
He Has Sur-
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Washington, May 15.—Carranza's escape from the revolutionary forces which attacked his troops near Esperanza was reported today by General Obregon.

In a message to revolutionary agents on the border which was forwarded here, Obregon said the deposed president had succeeded in breaking through the revolutionary lines and accompanied by a small escort, was moving southward into the mountains.

New York, May 15.—General Carranza and 300 men have surrendered to the forces surrounding them in the Mexican mountains, according to word received here today by way of Nogales.

This information was given out by Manuel De La Pena, self-styled commercial attaché in this city of the new liberal Mexican government. He said he had received his information from Alfonso Almada, of the Mexican bureau of information at Nogales.

General Carranza also surrendered with General Carranza, according to word received by De La Pena.

Troops under command of General Flores are in possession of the port of Mazatlan on the west coast, according to the same source of information.

3 "INFORMERS" ARE EXECUTED

Paris, May 15.—Three men and one woman convicted last July of denouncing patriots to German authorities during the occupation of Laon during the war, were executed at Vincennes prison this morning.

Those who met their death were Toussaint, Lemoine, Herbert and Madame Aubert.

Of 28 persons tried last summer as "Laon informers" eight, two of whom were women, were condemned to death. Three failed to appear for trial and were sentenced to death by default. 11 received prison sentences ranging from one to 20 years, and six were acquitted.

Daniel P. Krause, 25, of 405 Park Place, was fined \$50 in the city court this morning for practicing dentistry without a license. The complaint was made by James A. Marr, county health officer.

ATTACKS CHARGE ON UNPREPAREDNESS

Washington, May 15.—Secretary Daniels today attacked Rear Admiral Sims' charge that the Navy Department lacked plans and otherwise was unprepared for war. The charge was "uninformed and wrong," he told the Senate, which is investigating the so-called Sims-Daniels row, and testimony of Rear Admiral Badger and other members of the general board had proven such statements unfounded.

Mr. Daniels described in detail the organization and operation of the general board to show that for years before the war the board was engaged in preparing and revising plans for naval battle in the Atlantic. Admiral Badger had studied the situation from the outbreak of the European war and in March, 1915, had forwarded a statement of preparations necessary to put the department in readiness for war. Mr. Daniels said, which was immediately approved by him. The Naval Department followed the Dewey outline "as far as Congress appropriations would permit," Mr. Daniels declared.

Declaring that several witnesses "having no first hand knowledge of the navy's part in the world war" had attempted to prove by going back as far as 1913 "that the navy before

\$1,000,000 ADDED TO PAYROLLS OF MILLS

Boston, May 15.—A wave of wage advance announcements to become effective May 31, rolled in today from New England textile centers, indicating that the increase would extend to virtually all the 300,000 textile operatives in the district. Wherever the amount of the advance was definitely stated it was fifteen percent.

This will bring the level of textile wages, already at the highest stage in history, more than 100 percent higher than it was four years ago. Approximately \$1,000,000 will be added to the weekly payrolls of New England mills by the latest raise.

"Hands Off" Policy For American Legion

Indianapolis, May 15.—A policy of "hands off" for the American Legion as an organization in all disputes and controversies between employers and employees or between capital and

FIND AN'S BODY BADLY MUTILATED

Stripped and horribly mutilated and with a pile of smoldering clothing on top of it, the body of an unidentified man was discovered at 8:30 o'clock this morning on the bank of the Rooster river, 300 feet north of Moody's bridge, by two men who were on their way to work.

Death was caused by a fearful slash across the throat extending nearly from ear to ear. Local detectives, Fairfield authorities and Sergeant Frank Vorell, of the State Police, have started work on the case and hope to have identification established today. All the evidence indicates the man was murdered some time during the night.

At 8:30 o'clock this morning, Michael Popa, of 323 Hancock avenue, and Stephen Peck, of 170 Osborn street, were walking along a lane which runs parallel with Rooster river, just above Moody's bridge on the Fairfield side of the street. Changing to look over the bank, the men were horrified to see the body of a man, lying about half way down the bank in a clump of bushes.

The pair started to look for an officer, but met Edgar McFarland, of 2684 North avenue, who they informed of their discovery. McFarland notified the police by telephone. Detective John Curry and John Burns were at once dispatched to the scene. Lieutenant James Bray, of the local detective bureau, phoned the news to State Policeman Vorell, and he was soon at the place with Captain Charles A. Wheeler, acting chief of the Detective bureau, Detective Sergeant George Simon, Sheriff Gould and Elwood, of Fairfield, Patrolman William Jaggard, of Third precinct, and Detective Dr. W. H. Donaldson, of Fairfield.

The murdered man was found lying on his back about half way down the stream and the top of the bank. The old clothes which had been piled on top of the naked body were smoldering slightly when the officers arrived sending out a sickening smoke. The victim's shoes and socks were found about three feet from the body. The body was a terrible jagged slash across the throat, which probably caused death, a great wound in the abdomen, in which was found a two-bladed pocket knife with the large blade open and slashes across both hands. The legs were doubled as if the body had been pushed down the bank. Other indignities had also been committed upon the body, and the flesh was somewhat charred by the flames from the clothes.

There was nothing in the charred clothing which might serve to identify the victim. The pockets were badly burned, but the few which escaped the fire contained nothing. The victim wore a dark striped suit, a white shirt which bore the label of the "Congress Manufacturing company, Boston," a pair of Douglas shoes, practically new and light brown socks.

While the officers were examining the clothing, a man who gave his name as Harvey Mead, of 213 Prospect street, appeared on the scene with a cap which he claimed was found by him on the top of the bank about 6:30 o'clock this morning. Mead, with William Barry, of 116 Wall street, and John Griffin, of 65 State street, passed through the lane on their way to work this morning. Mead stated that he noticed the prints in the bank but did not investigate after finding the cap. He thought that the head-

gear was lost by someone who might have been drunk last night. Griffin and Barry substantiated Mead's story. The cap, which evidently belonged to the dead man, bore the label of Meigs and company. It was of a mixed gray material.

The dead man was of medium height and build, and did not appear to be a foreigner. He was probably about 30 years of age. His hair was black or dark brown. After the body had been examined by Medical Examiner Donaldson, photographs were taken by Corbit and the remains were then taken to Scott, Mellins & Redgate's morgue, in Golden Hill street, where they await recognition.

The only clue which the police has as to the identity of the victim, was furnished by Joseph Ellis, of 294 Railroad avenue, who reported at headquarters this morning, that a man named Henry Mischel, also of 294 Railroad avenue, has been missing since Monday. Ellis and another man who also knew Mischel viewed the body this morning, but were not able to identify it as that of Mischel. When last seen, Mischel wore a black moustache, but the dead man was clean shaven. Ellis made another attempt to identify the body at 1 o'clock this afternoon at the city morgue in Golden Hill street. He is not of the opinion that the murdered man is Mischel.

According to Ellis, Mischel boarded with him at 294 Railroad avenue, and was employed by the Crane Valve company. He did not report for work last Friday, but was seen by Ellis Monday afternoon. He told Ellis that he had been in a card game in Allen street, and did not feel like working. Mischel has not been seen since. Conversation with Ellis, who the dead man proves to be Mischel, the police may adopt the theory that he was killed as the result of a quarrel over cards.

Another theory which the police are working upon, is that a woman is involved in the case. The manner in which the body was mutilated by the murderers indicates that this theory might be a correct one.

Medical Examiner Dr. W. H. Donaldson stated this morning after examining the body, that the man was probably murdered at the top of the bank, and death was caused by the slash in the throat. The body was then dragged down the bank and stripped of its clothing. From the slashes on the knees and abdomen, it is apparent that the murderers attempted to cut the body up for the purpose of throwing it into the river. Finding this too much of a job to be undertaken with a pocketknife, the killers piled the clothing on the body and set it afire, evidently working in a great hurry. Dr. Donaldson stated that the killing may have been the work of a degenerate.

The local police have turned the case over to the Fairfield and state authorities, inasmuch as the man was committed just over the Bridgeport line. Sergeant Frank Vorell, of the State Police, has started work to establish the identity of the victim. It is believed that the dead man is a Bridgeporter, and that his identity will become known within a very short time. The unraveling of the remainder of the mystery will probably be less baffling after identity has been established.

200,000 IN DIRE NEED OF FOOD

Russians Starving in German Prison Camps At Stangard.

New York, May 15.—An appeal for food and clothing for 200,000 Russian prisoners of war in Germany issued by the Russian camp commission in the prison camp at Stangard, Germany, was today taken up by the American Young Men's Christian Association.

"We are suffering," the appeal says, "because the peace made by Versailles demands us too. We have no money, no clothing, and in a country where the entire German nation is the victim of the victory of justice." The German government and German help committees, the appeal said, is doing all in their power to help us, but they are unable really to help us, the letter added. "For the country has no foodstuffs—themselves are hungry and without clothing."

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An amendment to the party constitution providing that delegates to international, national, state and local conventions as well as members of executive and other governing committees must be citizens of the United States was adopted at the closing session of the convention last night. The possibility of aliens gaining complete control of the party through membership on the governing committees was one of the points on which the party was attacked during the trial of the five Socialist assemblymen at Albany.

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The plaintiff alleges that his car was struck by the defendant's automobile in Stratford on June 1, 1919, and was so badly damaged that he was unable to use it for a long time and was obliged to spend considerable money for necessary repairs.

The first meeting of the year of the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce will be held at the Brookline Country Club on Monday evening at 8:30 o'clock. The immediate tasks of the chamber will be outlined in reports to be submitted by the first four vice presidents.

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